

**TREES, FORESTS, AND NATURAL  
SYSTEMS IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS  
BENEFIT ALL OF US:**

- Higher property values
- Lower energy consumption
- Improved air quality
- Reduced stormwater runoff
- Decreased soil erosion
- Better water quality
- Lowered noise levels
- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced aesthetics for shopping districts, office complexes, and industrial areas
- Increased wildlife habitat



The *Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council* creates awareness in our communities about the value of urban forestry as an integral part of comprehensive planning and action to improve our quality of life and shared landscape.

“Just as our built environment is a key ingredient for competitive advantage, our natural environment is as well.”

~ Vision 2015 Shaping Our Future  
Livable Communities Strategic Direction.



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The vision of the Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council is to foster healthy and beautiful Northern Kentucky communities through responsible environmental stewardship.

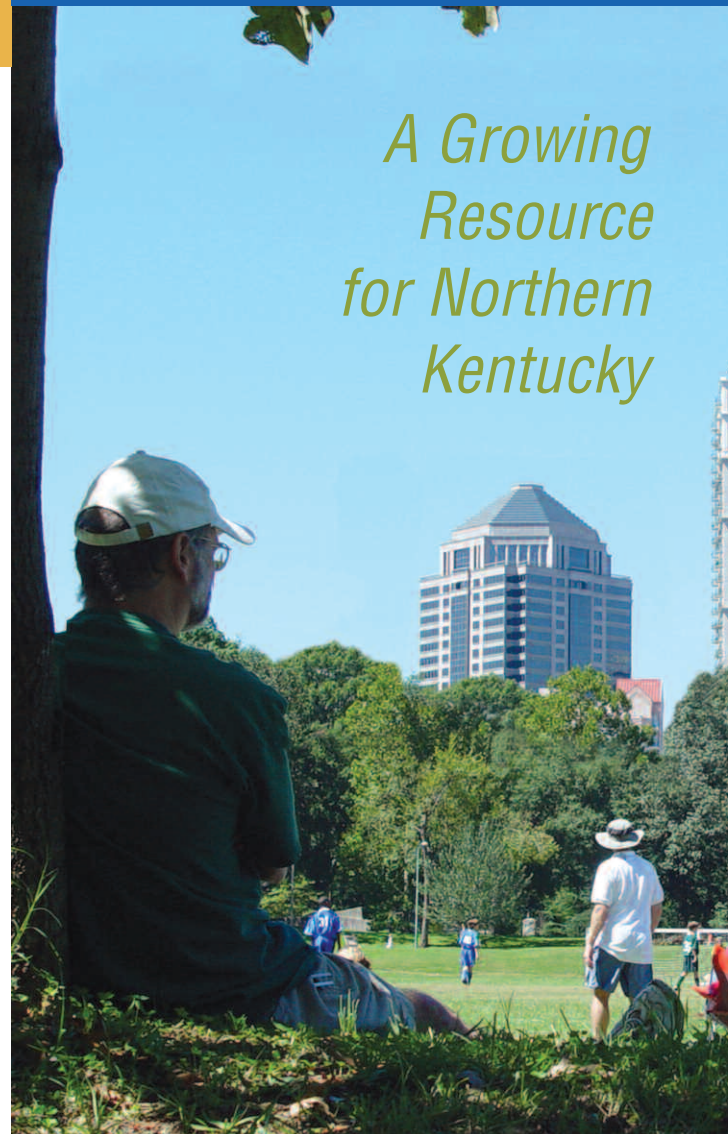


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# NORTHERN KENTUCKY URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCIL

The *Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council* is an interdisciplinary group of citizens and professionals who support the work of existing organizations and individual citizens interested in community trees by:

- Working with communities to protect and enhance their trees and green spaces for future generations.
- Sharing information about the value of urban forests through educational programs and publications.
- Bringing people together – businesses, builders, developers, utilities, citizens, environmental organizations, and government officials – to exchange ideas.
- Advocating for future land development that values natural resources so that our trees and forests are considered, maintained, and renewed as our region grows.

To maintain and enhance Northern Kentucky's landscape and forest resources, the Council needs your help. Here's what you can do to make a difference:

- Join the Council, attend our meetings and educational programs, help with a local urban forestry project, and sign up for our newsletter. You can also contact your local County Extension Office for more information on Council volunteer and educational opportunities.
- Visit our website [www.nkyurbanforestry.org](http://www.nkyurbanforestry.org) to stay informed about regional, county, and local urban forestry issues and projects.
- Get involved with or create a neighborhood or community tree board where you live.
- Plant trees where you live, work and play! But only plant trees after considering the site's soil, drainage, sun, space and utilities. Ask your community to plant more trees on public property.
- Maintain your trees properly by learning how to prune, mulch, water and fertilize, or by consulting with a local Certified Arborist. Encourage your city and county to properly maintain public trees as well. Do not "top" trees!

## RESOURCES FOR CITIZENS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

More about the Council's programs and projects, plus free information and useful tools can be found on the Council's website:  
[www.nkyurbanforestry.org](http://www.nkyurbanforestry.org)

### TREES IN OUR COMMUNITIES (TIOC) GRANT PROGRAM

The Council annually provides grants from \$500 to \$2,500 to cities, schools, churches, and other non-profit organizations for urban forestry projects in Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties. Our website also gives you information on other local, regional, and state grant opportunities if you have a project in need of funding.

### TREE PLANTING DATABASE

We have compiled extensive tree information in a searchable database to help individuals and organizations identify the tree species most appropriate for their planting areas and projects. Over 400 trees are listed and can be cross-referenced by characteristics, such as size, soil requirements, form, wildlife value, and landscape interest.

### NORTHERN KENTUCKY FOREST QUALITY ASSESSMENTS AND URBAN FORESTRY REPORTS

Get instant access to the reports and maps of a wide variety of important studies of forest canopy cover and benefits in Northern Kentucky. See where forest canopy still exists in the region, discover the positive impacts forests have in our watersheds, learn how this natural resource provides many benefits to the community, and much more.

### EXPERT URBAN FORESTRY INFORMATION AND ADVICE

The website has up-to-date information on proper tree planting and maintenance techniques. It also provides links to sources for additional urban forestry information as well as how to contact your local Extension Agent or find a Certified Arborist if you need help.

### COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

To receive the Council's newsletter, *Branching Out*, to learn of upcoming meetings and educational programs, or to contact the Council, please visit our website.

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